



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Non-Emergent Paramedic Accreditation to Practice

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I. PURPOSE

To provide a process for a California State licensed paramedic to work and perform paramedic skills as established by San Benito County EMS Agency.

II. AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100165 - 100166. EMSA Publication #130 – Paramedic Accreditation Policy.

III. DEFINITION

“Accreditation” means authorization by San Benito County EMS Agency to practice as a Paramedic within San Benito County.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

- A. A current Paramedic Licensure in the State of California
- B. Affiliation with an approved San Benito County Ambulance Provider

V. APPLICATION PROCESS

To be accredited to work as a Paramedic in San Benito County, an individual shall:

- A. Apply to the San Benito County EMS Agency for accreditation. Facsimile, electronic and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- B. Bring the following original documents when submitting the accreditation application. The EMS staff will make copies:
 - 1. Current Government issued photo ID

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2. Current State of California Paramedic license.
 3. Current CPR Card for the Professional Rescuer or Healthcare Provider.
 4. Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification.
 5. Current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), or Pediatric Education for Prehospital Personnel (PEPP) certification.
- C. Pay established accreditation fees if applicable.

VI. ACCREDITATION:

- A. Successfully complete an orientation of the San Benito County EMS system which shall include policies and procedures, treatment protocols, radio communications, hospital/facility destination policies, and other unique system features.
- B. Training Officer with Provider Agency to notify, in writing, the San Benito County EMS Agency once Orientation and Field Evaluation has been completed.
- C. The San Benito County EMS Agency shall notify the accreditation applicant of the decision whether or not to grant accreditation within 30 calendar days of submission of a complete application. The “complete application” includes the provider agency’s written documentation that all accreditation requirements have been successfully met.
- D. If the accreditation applicant does not complete accreditation requirements within 30 calendar days, then the applicant may be extended, but not to exceed a total of 90 calendar days, upon the written recommendation of the applicant’s FTO. San Benito County EMS Agency limits the number of times that a paramedic applies for initial accreditation to no more than three times per year.
- E. The EMS Agency Medical Director shall evaluate any candidate who fails to successfully complete the field evaluation and may recommend further evaluation or training as required ensuring the paramedic is competent.
- F. Accreditation to practice shall be continuous as long as required licensure and certifications are maintained and the paramedic continues to meet all requirements for updates in policy, procedure, protocol and optional scope of practice.
- G. San Benito County Paramedics must successfully complete the Annual Infrequently Used Skills Training held in January of each year.
- H. The San Benito County EMS Agency Medical Director may suspend or revoke accreditation if the paramedic does not maintain current licensure, required certifications or meet accreditation requirements.